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REV. JOYCE MYERS

## Atlanta Welcomes Myers to OCLL Staff

The Rev. Ms. Joyce Myers, former United Church missionary to Angola and recent Missionary-in-Residence for the United Church Board for World Ministries, has moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where on June 1, she began her new appointment as Associate of the Office for Church Life and Leadership, an agency of the United Church whose headquarters are located in N.Y., N.Y.

An extremely talented, versatile and experienced person, Rev. Myers served from 1964 to 1975 in Angola, Africa. Fluent in both Portuguese and the Umbundu languages, Rev. Myers spent her first five years in Angola directing Christian education and leadership training for the Bailundu Church Conference. For the last six years she was on the faculty of Emmanuel Seminary at Dondi, Angola teaching Old and New Testament, Greek, Liturgy, Homiletics, Christian Education and English in addition to other administrative and pastoral duties.

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## "Salem Covenant" Theme of Twelfth Annual Meeting

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference, held June 9-11, 1978 at Southern Union State Junior College, Wadley, Alabama featured the largest attendance of any annual meeting on record with some 275 people registered, 44 of which were young people.

Located on the campus of the former Wadley Junior College, a college founded by the Congregational-Christian Church and subsequently sold to the state of Alabama, the 1978 Annual Meeting offered not only eating, but residential and recreational facilities as well. However, due to the excessive number of delegates who failed to pre-register, the dormitories were overflowing, requiring some adults to join the majority of young people in make-shift sleeping arrangements in the college's gymnasium facilities: a very real exercise in community building!

Events got underway on Friday night with the division of delegates into "Review Committees," groupings designed to acquaint delegates with the work of the Conference as well as to provide a forum for critique of past efforts and suggestions for future ministry. Meeting separately on Friday evening and for part of Saturday morning, the young people were otherwise

full participants in the discussion of Conference business as well as in worship leadership.

Meeting in a large dining hall area, the Annual Meeting officially began on Saturday morning with the call to order by the Moderator — the Rev. Dr. David Beebe. Following the Roll Call of Churches, the East Alabama Men's Fellowship provided a few light moments

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MILTON HURST,  
Moderator of the General Synod.



Dinner "on the way" for the Saturday evening "Picnic by the Lake."



The Sunday choir, participants of which came from Langdale, Lanett, AL and LaGrange, GA churches.

## Annual Meeting...

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with "awards" for the furthest travelers and most frequent attenders of Conference annual meetings.

After greetings from several dignitaries, including Dr. Carl Flock, Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples) in Alabama, the delegates were treated to a stirring address entitled "Where We Are in the United Church of Christ" delivered by keynote speaker Dr. Joseph Evans, Secretary of the United Church. Before leaving late that afternoon, Dr. Evans conducted a mini-administrative-workshop for church clerks and ministers.

Following lunch, delegates were brought up to date on the latest CE:SA Christian education materials as well as being familiarized with the Conference's renewed efforts in the area of women and church and society. Rev. David Langerhans, of the Stewardship Council, presented the stewardship goals to which



Mark Frey receiving award for furthest distance traveled.

conference churches will be challenged in the coming two years, after which delegates were introduced to two persons who will be providing leadership within the conference for some time to come: Rev. Joyce Myers of the Office of Church Life and Leadership who will be deployed out of Atlanta to the southern region, and Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff of the South Central Conference who will give one quarter of his time in 1979 to stewardship development in the Southeast Conference. A delightful puppet show ended a very busy afternoon of work.

Following a picnic supper enjoyed beside the lake, located on the college's campus, delegates were treated to another powerful address, delivered by Millard Fuller, organizer of "Habitat for Humanity." After graduation ceremonies for Old Thermometer U, the evening culminated in a presentation of Southeast Conference "new church development" led by Rev. Robert Burt of the Board of Homeland Ministries who is in charge of the development of new churches across the sunbelt. Rev. Gary Miller, a member of the Florida Conference staff, led the delegates in some spirited music and singing. Rev. George Bennett, organizing pastor for the new church start in Gwinnett County, GA, concluded the evening with a slide show of the beginning activity of the new church, encouraged financial support from Conference churches and shared with delegates the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Following the Sunday morning business session, the choirs of the Langdale, Lanett and LaGrange churches joined the Conference for the concluding service of worship, the sermon of which was preached by Mr. Milton Hurst, Moderator of the General Synod. Prior to departure, light "snacks" were served to delegates. Food was prepared by members of local congregations whose exhaustive efforts on behalf of the Conference were very greatly appreciated.

## Teacher Training Events Planned

A series of teacher training workshops for church school teachers of Southeast Conference churches will be held throughout the conference this fall. To be led by conference CE:SA Consultants, the workshops will outline effective teaching techniques for the church school setting as well as orient teachers to the training manuals and four curriculum resources of CE:SA — Christian Education Shared Approaches.

Workshops will be held on the following dates at the sites indicated. Conference churches will be invited according to their proximity to the teaching sites. Specific invitations and workshop times will be issued later in the summer. Mark your calendar and plan to have your church's teachers attend!

Sept. 8-9	— Consultants Meeting
Sept. 30	— South Alabama-Northwest Florida Workshop Brazelton, GA Workshop
Oct. 8	— Atlanta Workshop, First Church, Atlanta
Oct. 14	— South Alabama-Northwest Association Midway, GA Workshop
Nov. 4	— Roanoke-Wadley, AL Workshop Pleasant Hill, TN Workshop
Nov. 5	— Phenix City-Columbus, GA Workshop
Nov. 12	— Thomasville, GA Workshop
Nov. 18	— LaGrange, GA Workshop Cullman, AL Workshop
Nov. 19	— Shawmut, AL Workshop Todd Church
Dec. 15-16	— CE:SA Consultants Evaluation and Planning



Lanett Church young people presented a puppet show.

# What Do You Do with 1,500,000 People

Since 1970 the states which compose the Southeast Conference have increased in population by some 1,500,000 people. What does the church do with 1.5 million people? Why, develop new churches, of course!

In response to our need for new churches a significant portion of the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting was devoted to New Church Development, a program that promises to start a minimum of five new churches within the Southeast Conference in the next 10 years.

On Saturday evening conference delegates celebrated the first of those five new church starts: Button Gwinnett UCC, Gwinnett County, GA, whose pastor, the Rev. George Bennett, began work in January of this year. The celebration began with the preaching of the Word by Rev. Robert Burt, New Church Development, Board for Homeland Ministries who is assisting the Conference in development of new churches. Following a song fest, led by the talented Rev. Gary Miller, a member of the Florida Conference staff, Rev. Bennett shared a slide presentation of the first beginnings of the new Gwinnett County church, afterwhich the Conference celebrated the sacrament of communion.

The celebration culminated with Sunday Conference worship, the offering of which was devoted to new church development in the Conference. Some \$5,000 will be needed just this year to support our single new church effort. As new churches are started, this need will grow. In response, "covenant gifts" of \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$50 may be contributed to the Southeast Conference to support development of new churches. Contributions may be made in care of the Conference office.



Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff, who will be a stewardship consultant for the Conference during 1979.



DR. JOSEPH EVANS

## Evans Address Keynotes Meeting

The Reverend Dr. Joseph H. Evans, Secretary of the United Church of Christ, was the featured speaker at this year's Southeast Conference Annual Meeting.

In a powerful address that received a standing ovation, Dr. Evans outlined some of the major concerns facing the United Church of Christ in particular and the American Christian community in general.

Topping the list were the twin problems of inflation and unemployment. "Gone are the days," said Dr. Evans, "when inflation was an occasional irritant. Inflation and increasing unemployment are with us to stay." Not only will the church have to deal with the economic effects of inflation on its own operating budgets, but the church will also have to orient its ministry increasingly to people who are working less and to the elderly who are the victims most devastated by inflation.

Dr. Evans noted that America is currently in the midst of a religious revival during which the United Church has watched its membership continue to dwindle. "One thing we must learn to do," said Evans, "is to find and attract new members."

The final issue which Evans addressed was the volume "Human Sexuality: A Preliminary Study" which was adopted by the last General Synod for study in each of the 6,600 United Church congregations. Evans indicated that no other issue had ever caused so much controversy as had the printing of this volume. He also indicated that the volume remained misunderstood because so many people had failed to read it. In response, he urged delegates to read the book and to remember that it is intended only as a preliminary study.

## ASSOCIATION

## MEETING CALENDAR

The Annual Meeting of the six associations that compose the Southeast Conference have been scheduled for the following dates. Mark your calendar now!

September 15-16 — Alabama-Tennessee Association — Knoxville

October 7 — North Alabama Association — Jones Chapel, Moulton, AL

October 14 — South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association

October 15 — Central Alabama Association

October 21 — East Alabama Association — Antioch Church, Roanoke, AL

October 27-28 — Georgia-South Carolina Association — Camp Salem, Conyers, GA

## Three Ways to Increase Giving

One of the concerns emphasized at this year's Conference Annual Meeting was the need for conference churches to increase giving to Our Christian World Mission. With this year's Conference budget requiring \$90,000 in OCWM receipts — and with a projected need to encourage increased OCWM giving from conference churches.

In response, the Outreach Commission has designed three alternative goals from which Conference churches may choose as they design their budgets for 1979. With the participation of all of our churches, the Conference OCWM needs will be met. The three goals designed for your church to consider are:

1. Advanced Goal. An increase of 15% in OCWM giving over the previous year.

2. Challenge Goal. An increase of 10% in OCWM giving over the previous year.

3. Primary Goal. An increase of 7% in OCWM over the previous year.



Joyce Myers and Mrs. Milton Hurst enjoying conversation.

# Youth Core Members Commissioned

On Saturday afternoon of the Conference session, the Youth Core was recognized as one of five significant new stirrings for 1978-79, by Conference Minister Dr. W.J. Andes.

Begun in 1977 through the partnership of the Southeast Conference and the Board for Homeland Ministries, the Youth Core consists of 45 young people who have been specially trained to minister to youth in their own and sister churches, their Association and the Conference.

In recognition of their achievement, Youth Core members were commissioned as Leaders in UCC Youth Ministry. Trudi Sanford, coordinator, presented a hand crafted ceramic medallion with the UCC symbol on it, to each Youth Core member who was in attendance at Conference. The two-year members, whose medallions had white leather cords, were Greg Clemons, Beverly Gross, Linda Hankins, Kim Heaman, Carolyn Roberts, and Warren



Presentation of medallions by Youth Core leader, Trudi Sanford.

Wayne.

These persons then placed medallions with brown leather cords to one-year members who were present, an act symbolizing the on-going and successive responsibility in Youth Ministry. The one-year members present were Scott Bonnell, Flavia Burton, Keith Butler, Patricia Scott, Travis Frasier, Priscilla Garrett, Roxanne George, Jimmy Gessert, Nanette Goden, Annette Gray, Randal Hand, LeRoy Harris, Wanda Hayes, Catherine Hurst, Dwight Kelley, Nancy Linman, Cindy Watkins, Darryl Montgomery, and Linda Sherrill.

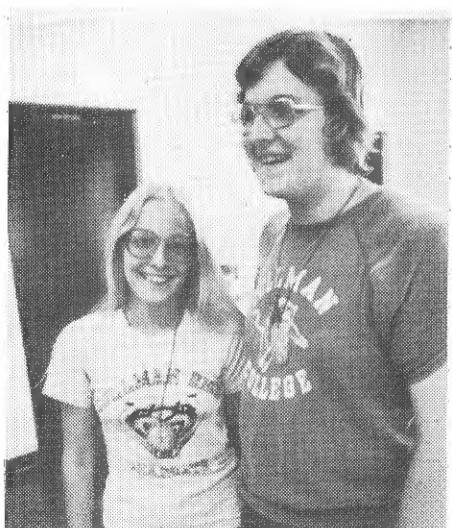
Dr. Andes commissioned them to minister to youth in their own local churches, neighbor churches, Associations, and Conference. He then reached out to the delegates seeking their advocacy and support for this ministry, which they unanimously gave. There are 45 Youth Core members in the Southeast Conference, 26 of whom were present at this annual meeting.

## DO WE MEAN IT?

Try some statistics for size: in 1972 there were 1,077 women in Protestant seminaries. Today there are over 3,025, up 181 percent. Within three years these women will be looking for positions. And increasingly they will be seeking roles as local church ministers. Nationally 40% of seminarians are women. In the United Church of Christ women make up 29% of all seminarians.

It is our denomination in which well over 100 years ago the first woman was ordained to the clergy. Now the time has come when we must ask ourselves the question: Do we mean it?

It's worth thinking about. Women have taken the United Church at its word. How about you? Are we ready to treat people as persons, regardless of their gender? Are we ready to invite women as candidates to the leadership of our churches?



Some of the 26 young people commissioned as members of the Youth Core.

## None Too Early: NIN

August is none too early to think about the annual all-church offering for Neighbors in Need. A bulk supply of promotional materials should have arrived in your church office by August 1st. (If it hasn't arrived by that date, inform the Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102). Your shipment should be checked immediately upon arrival for quantities and the NIN order card sent in for extra supplies by August 10th to allow up to 30 days for deliveries before the NIN promotion begins on the suggested date of September 11th for the offering on World Communion Sunday, October 1st.

This year, the Promotion Guide for the Neighbors in Need all-church offering will be found in the Stewardship Council Key Pak, a copy of which was sent to every congregation in June, as well as a copy being included with the bulk supply of NIN materials.

This year's NIN offering will provide funds for the following programs authorized by the UCC Executive Council:

- Justice for the Elderly, a new program of the Office for Church in Society.
- Leaders for American Indian Churches, a program of the Council for American Indian Ministry.
- Jobs for the Unemployed, a new program of the UCC Board of Homeland Ministries.
- Human Rights for New Immigrants, a new program of the UCC Board for Homeland Ministries.

Watch for further details in the September issue of A.D. Magazine.

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# Youth Discover Christian Clowning

At the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting, the film "The Mark of the Clown" was introduced to youth participants as an innovative approach to orthodox theology — Christian Clowning.

The clown, as a symbol, predates history. Every culture has known the clown or fool in some way. Many will recall the suffering servant clown, who appeared as a prophet of compassion in the film "Parable." The "Mark of the Clown" is a new film about clown ministry and non-verbal worship. The clown ministry grows out of a profound yet childlike way of relating to life and liturgy — being "fools on Christ's account" (I Cor. 4:10). Clowns fulfill a prophetic role by making use of the irrational, the non-verbal and the symbolic to convey inner realities. They bring the Word to life, and life to the Word!

From the human point of view, the clown is an interruptor in a religious rite. He or she appears pathetic, simple and absurd. Yet the clown's vulnerability and incongruity create an environment that invites involvement. Comedy in the clown ministry is not a matter of telling jokes or evoking laughter. Rather, it is a humanizing technique. It brings down the high and mighty and elevates those of low degree. We find examples of this approach over and over again in Scripture — in the patriarchs, in the prophets and in the life and teachings of Jesus.

The film was developed out of clown ministry by a Lutheran minister, Floyd



Cooling off in the excellent college pool facilities.

## COKESBURY OFFERS E-H SUPPLIES

Cokesbury has purchased the entire inventory of Eden-Heidelberg Bookstore. This means that all materials and books listed in the current Eden-Heidelberg catalog can now be ordered from Cokesbury, as well as material listed in Cokesbury catalogs.

Cokesbury catalogs can be ordered from your nearest Cokesbury Service Center.

Shaffer, affectionately referred to as "The Clown." Through Mr. Shaffer's leadership many Christian Clowns have emerged. Programs and worship events using the clown have been given all across the country, and the numbers of Christian Clowns is growing. The "Mark" is significant! (From Mass Media Newsletter, April 1977).

## Youth Enliven Annual Meeting

Playing an integral part in this year's Annual Meeting were some 44 young people, spanning grades 7-12, from churches throughout the Conference. Through the leadership of Mrs. Trudi Sanford and with the enthusiasm of Youth Core participants, young people were active participants in Conference worship and business meetings as well as meeting for their own activities and fun.

Following participation in the Friday night Review Committees, youth met for getting acquainted activities and evening worship. The evening was culminated by a welcome dip in the college pool.

Saturday activity was devoted to the work of the Conference except for a two hour morning session devoted to Christian Clowning, after which each of the youth was seen with a red dot on each cheek, the sign of their willingness to be a "fool on Christ's account" (I Cor. 4:10).

## New Book Available

Artis Johnson, an ordained minister of the Congregational Church, UCC, with pulpits in Thomasville and Beachton, Georgia, is the author of a book for young readers, 7 to 9. "Oliver Wants a Pony" is the story of a boy who ran away from home when told he could not have a pony. He is found by a beautiful German Shepherd named Hope, who leads him home. Oliver learns the important lesson that happiness is love and just wanting something for yourself will not always make you happy.

This book is available at \$4.00 plus 75 cents for postage and handling per copy from Exposition Press, Inc., 900 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801.



Nashville youth use "clowning" on Youth Sunday.



Rev. Bob Burt receiving the 3rd degree.

## Ole Thermometer U. Awards Degrees

Once again the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting was the site for graduation ceremonies of Ole Thermometer U. An institution whose academic reputation exceeds all common collegiate measurement, but whose ceremonial fromp and circumstance is without parallel, Old Thermometer U is recognized for its ability to raise the temperature by innumerable as well as outlandish degrees, all of which are conferred upon those lucky lay and clergy persons whose actions have extinguished them in the year past.

Meeting in the confines of Southern Union State Junior College, an institution whose climate proved itself more than adequate for a roasting, graduation exercises got underway with the bagpipe processional of faculty, led by Dean Warren Blankenhorn and Professor Raymond Ripple, visiting professor of Naval Engagements from the Caterpillar U.

Awarding degrees this year — to what was the largest graduating class in OTU history — was another visitor, Dr. Angus McAndrews, Visiting Professor of Divinity from the University of Haggis in Scotland. Clad in a kilt made specially with the school colors of chartreuse and plaid, Dr. McAndrews proved to be a cool as well as colorful speaker.

Without further adieu, Dean Blankenhorn joined Dr. McAndrews in conferring, granting and otherwise "laying it on" with a first, second and occasional third degree on the following well chosen few: In recognition of his dual vocations, Mr. Bentley Thompson was awarded the

degree of Dr. of Pony Express, Sacred and Propane. For his hard work in new church development, Rev. Robert Burt of the Board of Homeland Ministries was awarded the degree of Dr. of Eliomosinary Evangelism. Reflecting the wisdom that made him Secretary of the United Church, Dr. Joseph Evans had already escaped from the premises, but was awarded the Dr. of Abstirius Emanaensus nevertheless. Rounding out the unsuspecting degree recipients were Mr. Millard Fuller and Mrs. Juanita Velasco.

Following graduation ceremonies, the school chorus led the assembled throng in an off key rendition of the Alma Mater and, after distributing the college catalogue, Dean Blankenhorn told the new degree recipients to go home and sin no more.

## UPLANDS BREAKS GROUND

The ground breaking ceremony for "Heritage Village," a new apartment complex to be built at Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, TN, was celebrated on April 1, following a two-day meeting of the Uplands's Board of Directors.

The new complex, to be located on Church Street, will include 12 two-bedroom and 8 efficiency apartment units. Already underway at the time of the ground breaking, construction of the entire complex is expected to be completed in early December.

## WHAT DO THE NEXT 10 YEARS HOLD FOR HIM?

Imagine this man (or woman, in years to come): he is a professional — he has four years of college education and four years of post graduate training — he also has 25 years of experience in his profession. And yet, he is in trouble. He is 55 years of age and is considered too old in his occupation. He is a minister. He could be your minister.

In a time in history when society honors youth, many congregations have been caught up in the emphasis on youth leadership. A surprisingly large number of churches seeking a pastor will not consider a minister over 45 years of age. He is "too old" when he reaches 50. The demand is for young preachers; therefore, many able ministers are simply overlooked when they reach middle age, especially when they get within 10 years of retirement.

In the political, medical, judicial, and educational professions, seniority and experience are considered necessary requirements in filling a vacancy. Wisdom and confidence are additional qualities for successful tenure in many professions and they are not often acquired early.

The prime productive capacity of a minister comes later than other vocations because of the nature of the work (preaching and counseling); therefore, the middle and late middle years are now being looked upon as most desirable periods for personal ministerial service.

A pulpit or search committee would do well to forget about the calendar when considering a person's qualifications. At least they might give age only secondary importance.



MILLARD FULLER

## SPOLETO AT CIRCULAR CHARLESTON

Circular Church has been playing standing-room only crowds during Spoleto, or at least the actors and singers who perform in the church have. Here's an excerpt from the review of Menotti's one-act operas *Martin's Lie* and *The Egg*, written by New York critic Robert Jones:

"But there's no question that both works, especially in the festival productions, are definitely entertaining. The Circular Congregational Church holds the music beautifully, providing the room for the actors and acoustics that make everyone sound even better than their normal best."

### Myers . . .

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When civil war broke out in Angola in 1975, Rev. Myers and her missionary colleagues were evacuated under the recommendation of the Protestant Church Council of Central Angola. Through 1976 Rev. Myers toured the United States, on behalf of the United Church of Christ, speaking 412 times in 25 states, through radio, television and the press as well as with individual groups. During the past year she worked in the New York offices of the United Church Board for World Ministries, interpreting the work of the Board and recruiting and training volunteers for overseas work.

A native of Philadelphia, Rev. Myers is a graduate of Elon College (Magna Cum Laude), Outstanding Alumna of the Year (1976) and Hartford Seminary and has done further graduate studies at the Universities of Connecticut, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Lisbon (Portugal) and Union Theological Seminary (New York).

In her new position for the Office for Church Life and Leadership, Rev. Myers will be a program specialist, facilitating the visions, programs and work of conference staffs and churches in the Southern, Southeast, Florida and South Central Conferences of the United Church. Working out of the office of the Southeast Conference, located at Central Congregational Church, UCC in Atlanta, Rev. Myers has replaced former OCLL associate, Rev. Cally Rogers who left the position in 1977 to accept the pastorate of a church in Raleigh, N.C.

We welcome Rev. Myers to our midst, look forward to the many talents she will share with us, and encourage her as she attempts to add yet another language — "southern" — to her repertoire.

## Marina Minister Is a Sunday "Fisher of Men"

Fishermen forsake their churches on a summer Sunday morning, but the Rev. Arnold Slater catches them anyway...at the Bass Bay Marina.

"This is a specialized ministry," the retired Congregational minister says. "And it fills a real need." "These people wouldn't dress and go downtown to their churches," he told a reporter. "So this offers them an opportunity to have a moment of devotion. And the services are very brief, only half an hour or so."

Nearly half the congregation comes by water, but some drive and others walk. One woman rides her bicycle every Sunday, religiously. More than 100 worshippers attend services on a pretty morning, the Rev. Mr. Slater says. But rain drastically cuts attendance. "It's quite informal," the preacher says. "They come dressed as they please. Often they bring their own folding chairs or sit on the ground on blankets."

Although the Rev. Mr. Slater espoused social concerns as pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Chattanooga, he now finds himself musing about man's relationship with himself and society. After the service there are doughnuts and coffee on a spot overlooking the lake.

The Rev. Mr. Slater has been preaching at the marina for the past five summers and worshipping there since he retired some six years ago. "I live on the lake myself, and it's about 30 miles in to my

## WILKE RECEIVES PREMINGER AWARD

The Preminger Award for "international humanitarian service in rehabilitation" was presented for the year 1978 to the Rev. Dr. Harold H. Wilke, Director of Healing Community, an internationally oriented project relating primarily to the religious community. The announcement was made by Dr. James Burress of the People-to-People Program in Washington, D.C. "The first time this award has been given to a minister," said Dr. Burress, "indicates still another part of our society concerned in rehabilitation."

In accepting the award, Dr. Wilke stated that "the particular leadership offered by the Healing Community is both national and international in scope, and relates to the secular world as well as to the religious world. This award, which I accept in the name of the Healing Community, validates these world-wide efforts."

The Reverend Harold Wilke had for 20 years directed the United Church of Christ national agency for ministry, during which he conceived and directed for 15 years an international exchange program for ministers in the United Church and ministers from various countries abroad.

"My ministry has been dual, I suppose," commented Mr. Wilke, "one directed professionally within the church, and the other to the world of physical medicine and rehabilitation generally. Being without arms, and still totally independent, has of course been a factor in my rehabilitation interests."

church in town," he explains. "I'm one of them, you see." *The Knoxville Journal*.



UCC Vanderbilt Divinity graduates: Keith Thompson, Ann Holmes, Ann Day, and Tom Schroeder.

## NEWS and NOTES

Rev. John D. Schofield was called to be the pastor of the Langdale Congregational Christian Church, UCC, April 30, 1978. He had served as interim pastor for several months. He and Mrs. Schofield live in Fairfax, AL, a community near Langdale. Langdale.

At a busy congregational meeting on April 16, First Evangelical & Reformed, UCC in Nashville, in addition to approving purchases for its own church plant, agreed to become a Partnership Church with the Morgan-Scott Project as well as seek donations for the purchase of educational materials for the Men's State Prison located in Nashville.

Steve Hudder, a student at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, is the "Summer Student Assistant Pastor" at St. John's United Church, Cullman, AL. He began May 20 and continues his work for 10 weeks this summer. George A. Fidler is the pastor.

The Morgan-Scott Project is desperately looking for the following professionals to work in Morgan and Scott Counties, TN: an M.D., general practice (beginning immediately), a lawyer for the Equal Justice Team and a math-science teacher for the Plateau Home-School (beginning this August).

Other Morgan-Scott Project needs: Used clothing for children, aged 3-12; Camperships — for youngsters to attend church camp, \$50 each; Baseball gloves for church and community softball teams; Movie projector for Community Centers; Scholarships for youngsters to attend Plateau Home School this fall, \$2,000 each, per term.

## LOWELL CHURCH BUYS PROPERTY

The Lowell Congregational-Christian Church, UCC in Roanoke, AL, has just completed payment on a new piece of property, the site of a proposed church relocation. The new property, a four acre lot located in the city of Roanoke, was purchased after members of the congregation felt they were in need of a new building and a better location in the city. It has taken only 8 months to retire the loan on the new property. The pastor is Rev. Roger Loosier.



Left to right: Mrs. Neal Dickerson, Mrs. Melvin Dollar, Miss Marguerite Davison, and Dr. Melvin Dollar.

## Dr. Melvin

### Dollar Installed

On June 4, 1978 over 200 former pastors, former members, members and visitors joined to celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of Liberty Congregational Church, Bowman, Ga., and the day was a huge success. The men and women of the church had worked hard and long to get the new annex finished by June 4th.

Dr. William J. Andes spoke at the Anniversary Service and Dr. Melvin Dollar was installed as pastor and preached at the worship service. Assisting in the services were Rev. Henry Abbott, Rev. Raymond Berry, Rev. Collie Seymour, Rev. Millard Sims and Rev. Henry Weaver.

Present were many of the descendants of the founders of the church including the 92-year-old Mrs. Ella McKee and her children. She is the daughter of Rev. Thomas J. Burden, the second pastor of the church. They had a copy of his credentials which were dated August 16, 1884.

A memorial service and Sunday School attendance awards were part of the service. Histories of the church were presented to those who were present.

Dr. Dollar has also been called to be the pastor of Macedonia Congregational Church, Braselton, Ga., and will preach at Liberty Church first and third Sundays and at Macedonia Church the second and fourth Sundays.

#### APOLOGY

We are sorry that in making up the program for the Southeast Conference the listing of Antioch and New Hope churches as furnishing the refreshments for Saturday morning was overlooked.

## SUMMER PARABLE

Now it came to pass that, as the time of vacation drew near, a certain member of the church bethought him cool streams where fish were found and his children thought of sandy beaches by the sea and his wife thought of the mountains. And this church member spoke and said: "Lo, the hot days come, and my work lieth heavy upon me. Come, let us depart and go where fishes do bite and where the cool winds bring refreshment and the land is beautiful about us." "Thou speakest words of wisdom," said his wife. "Yet three, nay, even four, things must we do ere we go." "Three things I think but not a fourth," said her husband; "that we ask our neighbors to minister unto our flowers, that we arrange for our grass to be mowed and watered, that we have our mail forwarded; but no other thing cometh to my mind." "The fourth is like unto the other three, but greater than all," said his spouse, "even this, that thou dig into thy purse and pay the pledge to thy church in order that the good name of thy church may be preserved, that the heart of the treasurer be made glad, and that it may be well with thee. For verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return."

— Selected from the Memphis First Church "Parish Caller"

#### ROANOKE AREA CONGREGATIONAL

July 23-28 — Noon Day  
July 30 — All day services celebrating the 79th anniversary of the church and dedicating the new building.

July 23-28 — New Hope  
July 23-28 — Forest Home  
July 28, 29, 30 — Corinth  
August 6-11 — Beulah  
August 13-18 — Antioch  
August 13-18 — Rock Springs